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AMBASSADOR PICKERING SENDS

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SUBJECT: HAWK FUNDING

1. COURT CHIEF SHARAF TOLD ME APRIL 17 ABOUT PRIME
MINISTER BADRAN'S CONVERSATION WITH SAUDIS ON APRIL 14
CONCERNING HAWK PAYMENT QUESTION. CROWN PRINCE FAHD
SEEMED IGNORANT OF THE DETAILS OF THE PROBLEM. BADRAN
RELATED TO HIM JORDANIAN IMPRESSION OF THE PROBLEM -- A
CHECK FOR \$140 MILLION WAS RECEIVED FROM SAUDI ARABIA
WITH NO INDICATION OF ITS PURPOSE FOLLOWING GOJ REQUEST
FOR BUDGET SUPPORT AND CHECK WAS SPENT FOR PURPOSES
JORDANIAN 1976 BUDGET.

2. FAHD CALLED FOR SAUDI MINISTER OF FINANCE. WHEN AT
THE END OF THE CONVERSATION HE COULD NOT BE FOUND, FAHD
TOLD BADRAN THAT SAUDIS WOULD ACCEPT THE JORDANIAN VIEW
AND WOULD NEXT HAVE TO BE IN TOUCH WITH THE U.S. ABOUT
THE PROBLEM.

3. SHARAF TOLD ME HE ASSUMED THERE WAS NOTHING FURTHER
FOR JORDAN TO DO. HE SUGGESTED THE U.S. MIGHT AGAIN ASK
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SAUDIS FOR THE PAYMENT NOW OVERDUE FOR SIX MONTHS. HE
GAVE ME THE IMPRESSION THAT GOJ WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION
TO US INFORMING SAUDIS OF WHAT THEY HAVE TOLD US ABOUT
WHAT TOOK PLACE IN THE VARIOUS MEETINGS BETWEEN JORDAN
AND SAUDI ARABIA.

4. COMMENT: THIS ACCORDS ESSENTIALLY WITH WHAT KING

HAS TOLD ME. IT'S A BIT THIN ON DETAILS. INCLUDING
SPECIFICS ON SAUDI REACTION. HOWEVER, JORDANIANS ARE
CONFIDENT THAT SAUDIS ARE NOT PUSHING JORDAN TO MAKE
HAWK PAYMENT THEMSELVES, NOR HAVE THEY RAISED THE
POSSIBILITY OF SAUDI RETALIATION IN THE FORM OF CURTAIL-
MENT OF FURTHER FUNDING. SHARAF DID ADD THAT JORDANIANS
HAD PRESSED FOR RABAT PAYMENTS FOR FUTURE YEARS AND EX-
PECTED EVENTUALLY TO RECEIVE THEM.

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